



## *President's Message*

By Steve Horowitz



Happy Memorial Day! Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, began in the years following the Civil War to honor and remember the soldiers who died during the conflict. General John A. Logan, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, a veterans' organization formally established May 30<sup>th</sup> as Decoration Day, an annual day to decorate the graves of Union soldiers with flowers, in 1868. The first widely observed Memorial Day was held on that date. The holiday was established as a federal holiday in 1971.

Do you enjoy playing Mexican Train, Euchre, or Hearts? If so, why not start a club for each one as we already have for the book and the Bridge clubs? Naturally, along with the formation of each new club, we will need a member to help coordinate it. Perhaps, it could be you? If there is a board or a card game that you enjoy playing, forward the name to me. I plan to send out another email survey soon to help us gather information on this.

We also want to have speakers at membership meetings presenting topics that you want to hear. Help me out! Please send me topics you want, and we'll do our best to get someone to speak on them. If you already have someone in mind, please also send me their contact information.

Matt Leona, Events Coordinator, has been doing a great job finding interesting activities for us to do. However, the Board of Directors is also brainstorming new activities for members to enjoy. But we also need your help. Perhaps we did an activity several years ago, and you would like to do it again. Or you heard about an activity that sounded like fun and thought the members would like to try it. Send those activities to me.

Let's make this another interesting, fun year! See you around.

Steve

**May 2025**

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**Prime Timers Sarasota** is a nonpartisan social club for gay, bisexual, transgender or transitioning men over 21. In addition to our Fall Picnic and Holiday Party, each month we offer a potluck supper, two luncheons at area restaurants, a members' meeting with a speaker, home nights with games or movies, and day trips by bus or carpool to unique Florida Sun Coast attractions. Our social events are chosen to fit individual needs, priorities and affordability. Equally important is our commitment to Care and Support, where members assist one another with activities and needs of daily living. If a member is ill, injured or otherwise incapacitated, he can reach out for assistance to members nearby to help him with activities such as shopping, transportation, moral support, or help at home. To find out who is nearby contact any Board member.

# *May 2025 Calendar of Events*

**Sunday, May 4 from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.** Potluck Picnic. South Pavilion, Coquina Beach, Bradenton Beach. Social Hour from 2:00 - 3:00 P.M. Potluck will be from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. Bring a dish to share (main, side dish, appetizer, or dessert.) Don't forget to bring a serving utensil and the name of your dish. *Note:* There is no electricity available, so plan accordingly. **The picnic replaces the regularly scheduled Saturday potluck.**

**Wednesday, May 7 @ 1:00 P.M.** Bridge Club. Enjoy playing Bridge? Come join the group that plays every Wed. If you want to attend, or if you want more information, contact Bruce Burbage at [bruceburbage@yahoo.com](mailto:bruceburbage@yahoo.com).

**Thursday, May 8 @ 1:00 P.M.** Northside Lunch at Valentino Pizzeria Trattoria located at 8203 Cooper Creek Blvd. in Sarasota. RSVPs can be sent to Dan Warren at [danmichaelwarren@gmail.com](mailto:danmichaelwarren@gmail.com) no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday, May 8 from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M.** Rainbow Connection, Senior Friendship Center, 1888 Brother Geenhan Way, Sarasota. This month will feature a performance by the *Afternoon Delight* quartet from Chorus on the Keys. Reservations are required *no later than Tuesday, May 6*, from the Rainbow Connection website. [Rainbow Connections | LGBTQ+ Social](#) \$10.

**Sunday, May 11 @ 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.** Prime Timers Second Sunday Social at the Purple Rhino at the corner of Beneva and Webber. Plan to stop by, have a drink, and catch up with friends. Delicious snacks are provided by Rick, our own friendly bartender. Good friends ... good conversation ... good comradery. And a good way to meet some of your fellow Prime Timers in a more intimate setting, See you there!

**Wednesday, May 14 @ 1:00 P.M.** Bridge Club. Enjoy playing Bridge? Come join the group that plays every Wed. If you want to attend, or if you want more information, contact Bruce Burbage ([bruceburbage@yahoo.com](mailto:bruceburbage@yahoo.com)).

**Tuesday, May 13 @ 10:00 A.M.** Guided Tour of Patriot Plaza, Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72. Meet at the main entrance.

**Sunday, May 18 from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.** Singles and Solos at the Purple Rhino at the corner of Weber and Beneva. All are welcome. It's a good way to meet some of your fellow Prime Timers in a more intimate setting. Free raffle.

**Tuesday, May 20 @ 10:30 A.M.** Cover to Cover Book Club Meeting will meet at Fruitville Library. We meet once a month and welcome any-and-all members. This month the discussion is on *The Truth According to Us* by Ann Borrowers. For additional information, contact David Guyet at [sandheim@msn.com](mailto:sandheim@msn.com).

**Wednesday, May 21 @ 10:30 A.M.** Board Meeting at the Village Green Golf Community at 2591 Golf Course Drive, Sarasota. It's just south of 47<sup>th</sup> Street off Tuttle Avenue. Please e-mail ([stevehor2004@yahoo.com](mailto:stevehor2004@yahoo.com)) ahead of time if you'd like to attend. All members are welcome. See your Board in action and share your ideas and concerns for the good of the club.

**Wednesday, May 21 @ 1:00 P.M.** Bridge Club. Enjoy playing Bridge? Come join the group that plays every Wed. If you want to attend, or if you want more information, contact Bruce Burbage ([bruceburbage@yahoo.com](mailto:bruceburbage@yahoo.com)).

**Thursday, May 22 @ 1:00 P.M.** Southside Lunch at The Toasted Yolk Cafe, 3750 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Please RSVP to Kurt Juedes, [chorkymorky@gmail.com](mailto:chorkymorky@gmail.com), no later than 2 P.M. on Wednesday May 21.

**CANCELLED DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. Sunday, May 25 @ 3 — 5 P.M.**  
~~General Membership Meeting in Syster Hall at 1st Congregational Church at 1031 South Euclid.~~

**Tuesday, May 27 @ 11 A.M.** Pickleball and Lunch at the home of Rick Coyne, 7600 Alhambra Drive, Bradenton. Open to all pickleball players and pickleball curious. Come and see what this sport is all about. Limited to 12 players; Additional watchers are welcome. RSVP to Rick at [rickcoyne507@yahoo.com](mailto:rickcoyne507@yahoo.com).

**Wednesday, May 28 @ 1:00 P.M.** Bridge Club. Enjoy playing Bridge? Come join the group that plays every Wed. If you want to attend or, if you want more information, contact Bruce Burbage at [bruceburbage@yahoo.com](mailto:bruceburbage@yahoo.com).

**Wednesday, May 28 @ 6:00 P.M.** Prime Timers Hamburger Night at the Purple Rhino, 2920 S. Beneva (Corner of Webber). You must eat dinner, so why not eat with some of your Prime Timer buddies? Hamburgers, grilled chicken and vegetarian burgers are available. Choose sides from onion rings, French fries, and potato salad. All for \$8.50. **Hint:** Get there by 5:30 P.M. to get served sooner.

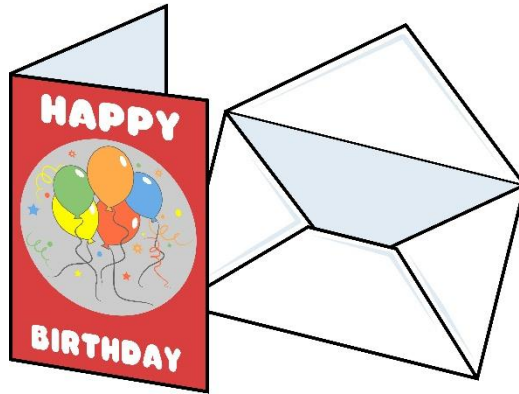
**Friday, May 30 @ 11 A.M.** Sunken Gardens, 1825 4<sup>th</sup> Street North. St. Pete. Senior admission is \$12, Lunch afterwards at nearby El Cap.

### ***UPCOMING***

**Saturday, June 7 @ 6:00 P.M.** Potluck. Syster Hall, 1st Congregational Church, 1031 South Euclid Ave, Sarasota. Lots of good food and friendship. Plan to come a bit early to enjoy visiting with other members and help set up. (And please hang around a few minutes afterward to help clean up.) MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK! Bring a dish to share (main, side dish, appetizer, dessert. Don't forget to bring a serving utensil and the name of your dish.

## ***May Birthdays***

5/1 David Guyet  
5/6 Frank Hawkins  
5/7 Jerry Travis  
5/8 Patrick Paddock  
5/11 James Thompson  
5/12 Bill Davis  
5/20 Elliot Baruch  
5/20 Jack Hillman  
5/29 Mark Carrier



## **New Members**

**Vincent Cerrito**

**Ron Howland**



## ***Biennial Prime Timers WorldWide Convention***

**Omaha 2025**  
**Nebraska**



The convention takes place in Omaha, Nebraska from October 9 - 13, 2025. Click on the link to learn more about it. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other Prime Timers and have a great time. The sooner you register, the cheaper the

cost will be. <https://theprimetimersww.com/2025-omaha-general/>

# Lift Assist



Have you or your loved one ever fallen and needed help getting up? ***Lift Assist*** is a free service for members living in **Sarasota County**. Staff are trained to quickly and safely lift you back up. They don't provide treatment. Put their phone number in your cell phone contacts NOW! **941-316-1201**



## ***MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE OCCASIONAL TRANSPORTATION IF NEEDED***

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## Arts and Craft Museum



Now you can order your very own Prime Timers Sarasota Name Badge for just \$9.50.

### Custom Name Badge

You will be asked how you wish your name to read on the badge. You may use just your first name or your full name on the badge -- whichever you prefer. As we've done in the past with handwritten paper badges at our events, the badges are color coded. Partnered members will receive burgundy badges, while single members will receive blue badges. *Prime Timers Sarasota* will appear on the badge below your name.

Note: Your name badge will be sent directly to the mailing address that we have on file for you as shown in the official Prime Timers Sarasota Member Roster.

Click on this link to order your badge/badges: <https://custom-name-badge.cheddarup.com/>

# ***Hospital Team***



Prime Timers Sarasota has established a hospital team to support our members and their partners who are going through medical issues and could use support. The team started on February 1, 2025. **We certainly can use more volunteers.**

***What will our team do?*** We will call each member who is in the hospital and get their approval to keep in touch with them. We will then determine what they and, if necessary, their partner's needs are. We will develop a plan for the team and determine the frequency of follow-up for the member and/or partner. The follow-up would be a phone call or a

hospital visit. We will offer a post-hospital home visit. The Board discussed other members possibly providing meals for the member and partner if there is need for them after hospital discharge. **Would you be willing to prepare one of these meals?**

If you are interested in joining the Hospital Team and/or being a meal preparer, please let Tom Peterson ([tominparadise22@gmail.com](mailto:tominparadise22@gmail.com) / (615) 491-4396) know. Also, if you know of anyone who is in the hospital, please notify Tom. Thank you.

## **Combined Second Sunday Social and Singles and Solos**



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Events Coordinator: Matt Leona  
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Bridge Club: Bruce Burbage  
Singles and Solos: Matt Leona  
Theatre Group: Matt Leona  
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Hospital Team: Tom Peterson & Eddie Davis

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Membership Roster: Steve Horowitz  
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#### **CARE AND SUPPORT**

Steve Horowitz, Dale Moore, Tom Peterson, and All Prime Timers Members\*




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***PLEASE NOTE: We will be using your personal contact information to send you our newsletters, event information, and chapter notices.***

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